

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There are disclosed a mounting information-
collecting device which is capable of collecting mounting
5 information concerning mounted statuses of circuit boards
with high accuracy and efficiency, as well as a connector
and a mounting information-collecting method therefor. A
light-emitting device emits an optical signal. A plurality
of optical signal-processing elements each apply
10 processing to the optical signal in a manner unique to a
corresponding one of the circuit boards to thereby
generate a processed optical signal. A mounting
information-collecting device receives the processed
optical signal and detects whether or not the processing
15 has been applied, to thereby collect the mounting
information.